IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 31, 1848. Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnson, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hair, report:

That the petition in this case not being accompanied with the slightest evidence in support of the claim, it was referred to the Commissioner of Pensions, for such information as his office might furnish in relation thereto; and the committee annex hereto, as a part of their report, the answer of the commissioner, of the 18th March, 1848, from which it appears that this claim is not supported by proper evidence.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following reso-

lution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Pension Office, March 18, 1848.

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, in the case of Joseph Hair, whose petition is herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that his claim has been presented to this office, and, on searching the rolls, no evidence whatever can be found of his having been in any way disabled while in the service. He alleges that he is disabled, after the lapse of thirty years, from the effects of the measles; but he has offered no proof, except his own statement, to that effect. The surgeons who have undertaken to testify in the case, can know but little of the cause of his alleged disability, except from his own statement. Unless he can produce the testimony of a commissioned officer, we cannot under our rules grant a pension. Whether he should, under these circumstances, be provided for by a special act, is for you to determine.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, F. S. EVANS,

For Commissioner of Pensions.

Hon. Henry Johnson, Chairman Committee on Pensions, Senate U. S.

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